WQIF Workgroup

- 1. Conditions for point-to-point trades in § 18.A.1 should also apply to trades executed through the WQIF
- 2. Compliance credits purchase from WQIF must be backed by projects on the ground and generating nutrient reductions in the same year.
- 3. Public must have opportunity to review and comment on GP issuance and modification, including approval of individual compliance schedules. GP is subject to EPA approval under 40 CFR 123.62.
- 4. Definition of "good faith effort" and WQIF fee structure must encourage reduction methods preferred in the bill and not just fall back on purchasing WQIF credits.
- 5. Are credits generated by un-built facilities allowed to be traded by the permittee or should they be held by WQIF until construction commences?
- 6. Allocation of limited WQIF credits.
- 7. How can trading banks be used to encourage Nonpoint source reductions?

Point Source/Nonpoint Source Trading Workgroup

- 1. Nutrient credits for activities that would already have taken place under the Tributary Strategy would forestall progress on the Bay clean-up. Trading program must be transparent and accountable to succeed.
- 2. NPS best management practices must be fully implemented, maintained and proven to provide quantifiable nutrient reductions.
- 3. BMPs used to create offset credits for additional point source allocations must be as permanent as the point source discharge. This may be accomplished through a permanent easement or condition on the title of the land in question.
- 4. Counting of nutrient reductions from BMPs required by Tributary Strategies vs. those used as point source offsets. Trading program must result in net reductions.
- 5. Mandatory monitoring provision for NPS offsets to ensure accountability.
- 6. How long must offset credits be assured prior to permitting a new discharge?
- 7. PS-to-NPS trading ratios?
- 8. Availability of offset credits between now issuance of the GP regulation.
- 9. How are BMP reduction efficiencies going to be set?

Schedule of Compliance Workgroup

- 1. Compliance schedules must require compliance "as soon as possible" and determinations must be made on a facility-by-facility basis.
- 2. Just what is a compliance plan?

Permit Structure Workgroup

- 1. DEQ should provide for public review and comment on any proposal to offset increased discharges, whether via point or nonpoint source reductions, contributions to WQIF or "other means".
- 2. Public must have opportunity to review and comment on GP issuance and modification, including approval of individual compliance schedules. GP is subject to EPA approval under 40 CFR 123.62.
- 3. Clarification on whether new facilities would be able to trade wasteload allocation credits.
- 4. Nutrient hot spots must be avoided.
- 5. Minimum technology and offset requirements for facilities permitted prior to 7/1/05 but not yet constructed.
- 6. Using additional allocations as an incentive to take "non-significant" dischargers and septic tank systems offline.
- 7. What details should be housed in a document separate from the watershed general permit?